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SUBJECT: PDRY AGREES TO RECEIVE BRITISH MISSION

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1. DAY, ACTING HEAD OF FCO MIDDLE EAST DEPARTMENT.
INFORMED US JULY 29 THAT BRITISH CHARGE IN ADEN ON
JULY 28 WAS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SALIM RUBAYYI ALI WHO
TOLD HIM THAT A DELEGATION FROM THE UK WOULD BE WELCOME
ANY CONVENIENT TIME FROM LATE SEPTEMBER ONWARD. THE
PDRY PRESIDENT FURTHER INFORMED THE BRITISH CHARGE THAT
IN ALL CASES IN WHICH BRITISH COMPANIES OR ORGANIZATIONS
HAD BEEN DOING FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS IN PDRY, CONTRACTS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
THOSE PROJECTS WOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE BRITISH COMPANIES.
HE ADDED THAT THE SAUDIS AS A SPECIAL EXCEPTION HAD
AGREED TO FUND 100 PERCENT OF ALL PDRY DEVELOPMENT
PROJECTS. (DAY COMMENTED THAT THIS CLAIM MUST BE TAKEN
WITH A LARGE PINCH OF SALT.) THE SOUTH YEMENIS ASSERT
THAT "GREAT AND CONSTRUCTIVE THINGS" ARE EXPECTED BY
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THE PRESIDENT FROM HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT TO SAUDI
ARABIA.

2. THE PDRY PRESIDENT HOPED THAT EXPERTS IN MINERALS AS
WELL AS IN AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES WOULD BE INCLUDED
IN THE BRITISH MISSION. DAY COMMENTED THAT THE PDRY
REGIME APPEARS TO BE CONVINCED THAT OIL CAN BE STRUCK IN

SOUTH YEMEN. DAY SAID THE BRITISH ARE STILL PLANNING TO SEND ONLY FOUR MEN IN THE MISSION. AND ASIDE FROM COMMERCIAL CONTRACTS ARE STILL THINKING MORE IN TERMS OF SCHOLARSHIP TRAINING IN THE UK THAN IN SENDING TECHNICAL EXPERTS TO YEMEN. HE HOPED PDRY HOPES WOULD NOT BE TOO FALSELY RAISED IN EXPECTATION OF THE VISIT.

3. THE PDRY PRESIDENT AGAIN STRESSED TO THE BRITISH CHARGE THAT PDRY WANTS A RESIDENT BRITISH AMBASSADOR ASSIGNED TO ADEN. HE POINTED OUT THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON THE MOVEMENTS OF DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL IN SOUTH YEMEN ARE NOT AIMED PARTICULARLY AT THE BRITISH. THE BRITISH CHARGE REPLIED THAT THE RESTRICTIONS ON HIS MISSION'S MOVEMENTS IN SOUTH YEMEN ARE CONTRASTED WITH THE COMPLETE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF THE PDRY AMBASSADOR IN LONDON.

4. DAY NOTED THAT THE BRITISH HAD BRIEFED THE SAUDIS BEFOREHAND AND OBTAINED THEIR BLESSING ON THE GROUNDS THAT IT IS BEST NOT TO ISOLATE THOSE IN THE PDRY STILL OPPOSED TO THE SOVIET UNION. HOWEVER, SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER SAUD COMMENTED TO THE BRITISH THAT PDRY IS STILL STRONGLY PRO-SOVIET AND HAD DEMONSTRATED THIS TIE BY ABANDONING THEIR FRIENDS IN SOMALIA AND FOLLOWING THE SOVIET LINE IN SUPPORTING THE ETHIOPIAN REGIME.

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